

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
745 SECOND STREET, LA SALLE, IL.  
7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT** Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb,  
Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

**ABSENT** None.

**PUBLIC HEARING: To receive input on the electrical residential aggregation plan for residents and small businesses in the City of LaSalle**

Mayor Grove said that this is the second required public hearing following the passage of a Referendum regarding electric service.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the Public Hearing to receive input on the electrical residential aggregation plan for residents and small businesses in the City of LaSalle is opened

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that Kris Fitzanko of Ameren is allowed to address the council.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Ms. Fitzanko said her company, Ameren Energy Marketing, is a subsidiary of Ameren and they have developed a new program named Homefield Energy. Her company will be bidding on the city's supply through our consultant. The company is Illinois based with its headquarters in Collinsville, Illinois.

There were no comments from the public.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Herndon that the public hearing is closed.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING: For consideration of potential vacation of part of the diamond portion of alley in Block 93 and part of right-of-way on Gooding Street between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street between Gooding and Wright Streets all within the City of LaSalle**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore that the public hearing is opened.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Ryan Swanson, of Art Design Resources in Rockford, is a civil engineer for DG Partners working on the Dollar General Project. His firm is looking for the city to vacate a strip of land along Gooding, and a strip of land also along 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and a portion of the alley diamond to the northwest corner of the site. The vacation would allow the consolidation of the parcel. The land on Gooding and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets is outside of city sidewalk on both streets and is presently serving as part of a parking lot. Mr. Swanson confirmed that DG Partners understands that in order for any ordinances regarding the vacations are finalized that DG Partners would have to acquire the property and provide assurance to the City that it was definitely being developed as a Dollar General Site and Store. Attorney McPhedran said that additionally if any modifications to the ordinances are needed to carry out the project that the council would have the discretion to enact such modified ordinances to carry that out. Mr. Swanson confirmed that DG Partners would be the owners of the abutting property and the city would still be the owners on the other side of all vacations.

There were no comments from the public.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the public hearing be closed.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Edgcomb that the minutes of the regular city council meeting held at Tuesday, April 10, 2012 are approved and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Grove said the council would hear two presentations on City Bonding; one from Edward Jones and one from First MidState.

Mr. Brian Sellett and Mr. Chris Collier, representing Edward Jones were present and Mr. Collier gave a presentation regarding their company. Mr. Carter said his company has a National Presence with many Illinois Retail Locations, and they are well capitalized and He said Edward Jones will provide the City with a 5-year call feature which gives future

flexibility at no additional cost. They will provide local investors the opportunity to invest in the financing, keeping principal and interest payments within the local economy and they will structure bonds with the lowest available interest rate, resulting in the lowest all-in cost of financing and lowest debt service.

Mr. Kevin Wills of First MidState spoke and said he would not go into the details that he discussed with the council a couple of weeks ago but that he added to the proposal compensation details and updated schedules. He said that the total expense of \$30,750.00 to handle the 1.8 million dollar project, including First MidStates fee of about \$13,500.00. Mr. Wills said he assumes the city would maintain its current S&P rating of A+. Mr. Wills said he thought First MidState has delivered some outstanding service to the City over the last several decades and they would certainly appreciate the opportunity to maintain that relationship moving forward.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the council goes out of order of the written agenda to act on the ordinance concerning the agreement with Paramedic Services of Illinois, Inc.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Schneider that Ordinance No. 2337: An Ordinance Authorizing Agreement Between the City of LaSalle, Illinois and Paramedic Services of Illinois, Inc. is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

**Ordinance No. 2337: An Ordinance Authorizing Agreement Between the City of LaSalle, Illinois and Paramedic Services of Illinois, Inc.**

Fire Chief Andy Bacidore also thanked those from PSI for their assistance during the year.

## **PETITIONS**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon that the requests from Ameren Illinois to break ground to replace a pole at the alley north of 1045 8<sup>th</sup> Street; to replace a pole at 229 Union Street; and to replace all poles and wire on Chartres Street from 24<sup>th</sup> Street north to Sauer Danfoss Road (ABC Wire Dr.) are granted. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Edgcomb that Javier Casas's request for a closure of 8<sup>th</sup> Street from Tonti to Crosat from 1:00 to 6:00 P.M. on Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> to have a Cinco De Mayo celebration with a band and alcohol is modified to close the street from the parking lot on the south side in that block to Crosat

Street and the request is granted and that he works with the Mayor and Police Chief with his plans.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider.  
NAY: Alderman Bacidore, Herndon. Motion carried.

Alderman Bacidore said he voted nay because he would like more information from Mr. Casas regarding the hours and if he has contacted neighbors.

## **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the Treasurers' Report of March 31, 2012 showing cash balances in the LaSalle State Bank of \$401,595.48 and in the Hometown National Bank of \$1,928,754.31 is accepted and placed on file; each alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the Police Income Report for Mach 2012 showing total fees collected of \$16,512.20 is accepted and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Edgcomb that, at the recommendation by the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee the request to lower the speed limit to 40 mph on Richard Hallett Road from Rt.6 to the curve going to Utica is denied. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that, at the recommendation by the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee, the request to increase the speed limit to 40 mph on Chartres Street from North of the Post Office and Hygienic Institute buildings to Raccuglia Drive is denied. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Schneider that, at the recommendation by the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee, the request to change the speed limit sign on 24<sup>th</sup> Street at the L-P Christian School from "20 MPH" to "20 MPH when children are present" is granted. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Edgcomb that, at the recommendation by the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee, two intersections: (1) 11<sup>th</sup> and Bucklin and (2) 11<sup>th</sup> and Creve Coeur are designated as the only intersections where tag day collections are authorized, that those requesting are to choose which one of the two they want to use and further that the collection time at that intersection does not begin before 10:00 A.M. Friday collections would be 4-6 P.M.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Edgcomb that the joint recommendation of the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals is accepted with the Planning Commission approving the consolidating plat of a portion of Block 93 in the original town now City of LaSalle and vicinity thereof providing the vacations happen and the Zoning Board of Appeals goes on record as supporting the project; each and every alderman has a copy of the recommendation.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Alderman Demes asked if the street sweeper could be sent out more often.

Alderman Duncan called a meeting of the Public Health Committee for 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday May 8, 2012 to discuss possible recommendations regarding the burning ordinance and he asked for input from the Aldermen.

Alderman Herndon said he would like to recommend that the burning issue be placed on the ballot as a referendum to let the citizens decide.

Alderman Bacidore asked if the city could become more active concerning demolishing vacant and run down houses.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the city purchases the 2010 van from Bill Walsh for \$19,000.00. (funds are from the water enterprise fund). Several proposals were received.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. PASS: Alderman Demes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the council accepts the low bid proposal from Wenzel Concrete for \$4,250.00 for swimming pool concrete work.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon that the City changes the chemical supplier for chlorine and hydrofluosilicic acid for the water treatment plant to Carus Chemical Company since their prices were lowest of the three proposals.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Ptak that a request from Trinity United Church to relocate the Street Light in the alley between Joliet and Hennepin and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets to the middle of the alley, and that it be referred to the Lighting

Committee for a recommendation. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried. Alderman Duncan said the Lighting Committee will meet at 6:45 P.M. on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Alderman Herndon said he would like to refer to the Streets, Alleys and;; Traffic Committee a request that there be no parking on the East side of LaHarpe from 11<sup>th</sup> to all the way North. The Traffic committee will meet at 6:30 P.M. after the Lighting Committee meeting.

### **ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Edgcomb that Ordinance No. 2336: Making Transfers of Amounts Appropriated from One Corporate Purpose to Another Corporate Purpose is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

#### **Ordinance No. 2336: Making Transfers of Amounts Appropriated from One Corporate Purpose to Another Corporate Purpose**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider that Ordinance No. 2338: Ordinance Authorizing Aggregation of Electrical Load and Adopting an Electric Aggregation Plan of Operation and Governance and Related Matters is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

#### **Ordinance No. 2338: Ordinance Authorizing Aggregation of Electrical Load and Adopting an Electric Aggregation Plan of Operation and Governance and Related Matters**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Ptak that Ordinance No. 2339: an Ordinance Vacating a Portion of the Northern Right-of-Way of Third Street Between Gooding Street and Wright Street and Related Matters is accepted and passed; each alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

#### **Ordinance No. 2339: an Ordinance Vacating a Portion of the Northern Right-of-Way of Third Street Between Gooding Street and Wright Street and Related Matters**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Ptak that Ordinance No. 2340: An Ordinance Vacating the West Right-of-Way of Gooding Street between Third Street and Fourth Street and Related Matters is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

**Ordinance No. 2340: An Ordinance Vacating the West Right-of-Way of Gooding Street between Third Street and Fourth Street and Related Matters**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore that Ordinance No. 2341: An Ordinance Vacating a Part of the Public Alley Commonly Known as the Part of the Southern Part of the Diamond Within the Public Alley in Block 93 and Related Matters is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

**Ordinance No. 2341: An Ordinance Vacating a Part of the Public Alley Commonly Known as the Part of the Southern Part of the Diamond Within the Public Alley in Block 93 and Related Matters**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Edgcomb that Ordinance No. 2342: An Ordinance Approving Consolidation of a Portion of Block 93 within the Original Town, Now City of LaSalle and in Vicinity Thereof is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

**Ordinance No. 2342: An Ordinance Approving Consolidation of a Portion of Block 93 within the Original Town, Now City of LaSalle and in Vicinity Thereof**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Ptak that Ordinance No. 2343: An Ordinance Approving Citizen Participation Plan Concerning Illinois "IKE" Disaster Recovery Program is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

**Ordinance No. 2343: An Ordinance Approving Citizen Participation Plan Concerning Illinois "IKE" Disaster Recovery Program**

Alderman Edgcomb announced that on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 P.M. the annual Boys and Girls baseball/softball parade will begin at St. Mary's Park and end at Hegeler Park. All aldermen are invited to attend.

9:09 P.M. Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the council goes into executive session regarding pending and/or potential imminent litigation and related matters and collective bargaining negotiations with FOP, Fire Department Union and AFSCME and related matters.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: Regarding pending and/or potential imminent litigation and related matters and collective bargaining negotiations with FOP, Fire Department Union and AFSCME and related matters**

9:57 P.M. Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the Executive Session is adjourned and the council returns to the regular meeting.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that bills submitted totaling \$477,277.28 (Payroll \$157,977.18; bills to be paid \$95,874.10 bills paid \$223,426.00) be accepted, paid and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

**RECESS**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the regular meeting is recessed to 6:00 P.M Tuesday, May 1, 2012 in the city council chambers of LaSalle City Hall, 745 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, LaSalle, Illinois.

**RECESSED 10:00 P. M.**

**6:20 P.M. Tuesday, May 1, 2012**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the meeting of Tuesday, April 24, 2010 is reconvened

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Ptak. Motion carried.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Edgcomb,  
Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

**ABSENT**

Alderman Ptak

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Chip Parrott of RHMG was present and said that three bid proposals were received for the LaSalle Rotary Park Phase I Improvements (D. J. Sickley Construction Co., Inc.; Gensini Excavating, Inc.; and John Pohar & Sons, Inc.) and they were very competitive.

RHMG created a base bid plus eleven added alternatives. The base bid contains items that must be done and the various alternates can be chosen individually and added to the base bid. The city can award the base bid with various alternates.

RHMG recommends awarding the contract to the low bidder John Pohar & Sons, Inc. for the base bid plus added alternative A, D, G, I, and K and either do added alternative D or C.

Alderman Lavieri said that the Rotary Park Committee met last night and they liked Scenario 2 because of their partnership with Illinois Cement

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Edgcomb that the bid is awarded to the low bidder John Pohar and Sons, Inc. including the base bid and the scenario No. 2 including added alternatives A,D,G,I,K,C in the amount of \$585,442.80 and that the Mayor, City Attorney, City Engineer are allowed to further negotiate, and also providing funds are available from the Foundation and also that the grant administrator NCICG is comfortable with the bids.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY; None. ABSENT: Alderman Ptak. Motion carried.

## **ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Schneider that Ordinance No. 2344: Ordinance Authorizing Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of LaSalle and AFSCME Union is accepted and passed; each alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Ptak. Motion carried.

**Ordinance No. 2344: Ordinance Authorizing Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of LaSalle and AFSCME Union AGREEMENT Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of LaSalle and AFSCME Union**

Mayor Grove said discussions regarding the Bonding for the 2012 road program and Rotary Park Development has been ongoing. Two different firms, First MidStates and Edward Jones have both given proposals to do the bonding.

Alderman Duncan said that initial research was difficult to analyze for the differences in the two firms, and he said that after discussions with Attorney McPhedran he felt that First MidStates was \$16,713.00 more attractive from a financial perspective, and that was not what he originally thought when he looked at the two proposals. Alderman Duncan said that on paper, he would identify First MidStates as the less expensive of the two firms.

Attorney McPhedran said the two proposals were challenging to evaluate. Both firms gave very detailed proposals and both made an excellent effort and both appeared that they would be excellent companies for the city to work with. Mr. McPhedran said he would agree with Alderman Duncan that First MidState is a bit more economical.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Edgcomb that the council goes with First Mid-States for our bonding needs on both the \$1,000,000 and the \$800,000 bonds subject to getting certain clarifications plus the callable feature.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Ptak. Motion carried.

Mayor Grove gave a public service announcement that in our refuse collection contract there is a natural cost of living increase that can go up every year so our collection rate will go from \$12.00/month to \$12.38/month on the city bill. Also, cost of yard bag stickers will go from \$2.00 to \$2.06 and the extra household waste stickers will go from \$1.50 to \$1.55.

#### **ADJOURNMNENT**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore that the meeting is adjourned. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

**ADJOURNED 7:07 P.M.**

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Virginia Kochanowski Clerk